



MEETING SUMMARY

Equestrian Australia Ltd.

EA Carriage Driving Committee



The following items were discussed at the meeting of the Equestrian Australia Carriage Driving Committee held 12th February 2018.

Rule Change – There was discussion around the need to bring Driving as a sport together so that ACDS & EA are more aligned in their requirements, as currently there are hurdles for people who would like to compete across both.

The committee is working towards a structure to potentially accredit juniors / new drivers to the sport.

As the current pool of drivers is small there is a feeling that we need to be as inclusive as possible.

The committee will be setting up guidelines to enable further processes that will allow juniors to continue to drive safely.

The committee has put forward a rule change to the State Branches & EA board as follows.

A competitor driving a single Horse or Pony can compete at 12 years of age. Pony multiples at 14 years of age.

Age - is determined from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete and grooms reach the designated age.

This rule will be implemented July 1 2018

Budget – The committee discussed how best to allocate the 18/19 budget. There was an emphasis on juniors & education.

Accreditation of Officials – The committee discussed the lack of ‘presenters’ for driving and questioned what or who qualifies that person to be a presenter.

This is to be followed up with the National office. If there are no criteria in place to appoint a presenter the committee will formulate one.

National Carriage Driving Rule Book – The committee has decided to look at & update as necessary the current rule book. It has been several years since this has been done. It was noted that there needed to be a review to bring the rules in line with the current FEI rule book.

Greenvale Classic – The Draft schedule was presented to the committee and was accepted with minor recommendations

Judge Accreditation – An application was received for the appointment of a judge. The committee looked at this application on the merit of the application and appointed as they saw fit.

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Chair EA Carriage Driving Committee